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bering, it is also a time for veterans who survived those two world wars, the members of the Royal Canadian Legion, the Navy, Army and Air Force Association, and all veterans organizations, to promote the idea among our young people and all Canadians that today is the time to act. While we remember the past, we must act today so that we may have a peaceful and rewarding future, because so many forces within our society are gnawing at and tearing down the things we cherish most. While we are remembering is the time to act in other to save our future.

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the New Democratic Party, may I say we agree entirely with the sentiments expressed by the Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. MacDonald). The minister himself is a reminder of the commitment made by those who served this country in time of war.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Peters: We agree with him that we should ever remember the reason the commitment was made, and those who fell in the wars. This is a time when I believe Canadians want to remember the wars—there have been many, and there may be others—but they should also remember the reasons for that service and the contribution made by those who were so young, many of whom did not return. We in the House have an obligation to the families of fallen veterans and to those veterans who still remain. May we contribute by remembering them and their families at this time.

• (1210)

[Translation]

Mr. C.-A. Gauthier (Roberval): Mr. Speaker, in order to commemorate Remembrance Day like other parties in the House, I wish, on behalf of my party, to pay homage to those who have fallen in the last wars. Today we are commemorating the memory of those who were killed in action. I think that all of us here in the House have a very special reason to do so, as I do not believe that there is a single hon, member who has not lost a relative or a friend on the battlefield. As for me, one of my brothers was killed in Germany. Upon hearing the minister say: "Lest We Forget", I felt that we should pledge ourselves to keep their memory alive, to try to uphold the cause of those who have fallen, namely the cause of peace. In my view, this would be the finest token of gratitude towards our late friends, brothers and relatives who have died so that we may live. Thus, something vital would be done to ensure peace for our country. Fortunately, we have been protected and have not known war in our country, but I think we must be watchful if we wish to preserve the peace which we have experienced. I think that we must now increase our vigilance. It is therefore an honour for me to join the previous speakers in pointing out the importance of November 11 in memory of our servicemen killed in action.

[Mr. Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand).]

MISCELLANEOUS PRIVATE BILLS AND STANDING ORDERS

Concurrence in seventh and eighth reports of Standing Committee—Mr. Loiselle (Saint-Henri).

[English]

The Clerk Assistant (Legal) read the reports.

Mr. Speaker: The reports referred to in the motion of the hon. member were tabled a moment ago. Such a motion can only be made at this time with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent that the hon. member shall have leave to propose the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Peters: Mr. Speaker, I am agreeable to the motion being accepted, but in the case of IAC I see absolutely no reason why there should be a return of the penalty which is being imposed. This has always been done in cases where individual hardship has been involved, but in my opinion IAC does not fit into that category. I am therefore opposed and would be prepared to debate the question of the return of the money.

Mr. Loiselle (Saint-Henri): Mr. Speaker, let me make a clarification. We have imposed the penalty as usual. The hon. member said that we would prevent the company paying the penalty. The situation is otherwise; the penalty has been imposed in order that they be amalgamated.

Mr. Peters: May I ask the hon. member a question? I understood the Clerk of the House to read that section 91(3) had been applied and that the petition and the acceptance in the other documents, including the provision under section 91(3), had been returned.

Mr. Speaker: I would like the House to be on the right track so far as our procedures are concerned. We are now on motions and a motion has been presented. It can be adopted now only with the unanimous consent of the House. If there is to be a debate, it will have to be deferred. In any case, the question of the hon. member, which may be a valid one, may be answered after careful examination of the report, in which evidently it is stated that no return of the penalty has been made. Is this understood and agreed?

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion? Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

[English]

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 551, 2,705, 3,063, 3,104, 3,164, 3,249, 3,296, 3,323, 3,324, 3,325, 3,326, 3,355, 3,356, 3,358, 3,359, 3,458, 4,359, 3,460, 3,461, and 3,462.